

English translation of each part surrounded with a wavy line in the rejection dated June 17, 2008

A: Reason (□) of Rejection

The inventions as claimed in the following claims are obvious for a person skilled in the art, prior to the filing of the patent application, on the basis of inventions disclosed in the following distributed publication or made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or elsewhere prior to the filing of the patent application. Consequently, the inventions as claimed in the following claims are not allowable by the provision 29 article 2 of Patent Law.

B: As regards the Reason (□) of Rejection

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6

Cited references 1-5

Remarks:

The Cited reference 1 substantially discloses a system consisting of a printing apparatus and a documentation apparatus and a computer software program, which compare an unupdated document with an updated document, when the system receives a printing instruction. As a result, the system and the computer software program disclosed in the Cited reference 1 detect page numbers of the updated document judged to be different from those of the unupdated document and then conduct printing processing with respect to the pages of the updated document having such page numbers.

In the interim, it is an widely conducted technique that data conversion is conducted for printing as printing processing (for example, please refer the Cited reference 2 (in particular [0020])). It is therefore obvious for a person skilled in the art to apply such a technique to the invention disclosed in the Cited reference 1.

Further, it is an well known technique that all the pages included in the single recording sheet are printed in response to an instruction for printing a certain one page, in a case that print setting is conducted to make a single recording sheet include a plurality of pages (for example, please refer the Cited references 3 to 5). It is therefore obvious for a person skilled in the art to apply such an well known technique to the invention disclosed in the Cited reference 1.

C: Cited references

1. Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication Hei 3-176765
2. Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication Hei 7-182319
3. Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication 2002-63012
4. Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication Hei 11-157160
5. Unexamined Japanese Patent Publication Hei 8-324031